Permission to ply private sector buses alongwith DTC

163. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to permit Private Sector Bus operators to ply buses along with DTC in Delhi; and

(b) if so, when the said proposal for introduction of the private buses will be implemented in Delhi and what are the reasons for such change of policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Existing arrangements already provide for plying of private operators' buses along with DTC buses, in Delhi.

(b) There has been no change in the policy.

Private sector to operate buses in the Capital

164. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow the private sector to operate buses on the selected routes of DTC in the Capital; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) One of the alternatives to meet the growing traffic demand is to permit the private sector to operate buses exclusively on the selected routes. No final decision has been taken in this regard.

Strike notice by railway unions

165. SHRI SAGAR RAIKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various Unions, Associations and Federation of Railway Employees and Officers of Western & other railways, including the All India Railway Federation (AIRF) and Northern India Railway Federation (NIRF) and other all India level Unions; Federations and Associations served strike notices during 1st January, 1987 to 11th February, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details of such notices and of their charter of demands;

(c) what action had been taken thereon;

(d) how many times the strikes and lightening strikes were held during the above period at various places in various divisions of the Railways; and

(e) what are the reasons therefor and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Ban on smoking at public places

166. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to ban smoking at public places;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?